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2. PS Units at Devinske Jazero

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REMARKS

Malacky.

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1. Prior to May 1951, a unit of about 300 men, armed with rifles and submachine guns, was quartered in a hutment about 200 meters southeast of the railroad station in Malacky (P 49/S 82). Three guns of about 70 mm, 50 trucks and an undetermined number of saddle and draft horses were seen there. Training was held in the woods east of the hutment. Source was acquainted with the son of Staff Captain Smida, who served with the unit. *

Devinske Jazero.

2. Prior to May 1951, a PS unit was quartered in three low wooden barracks buildings about 50. meters northwest of the Devinske Jazero (P 49/S 80) railroad station. On the occasion of ceremonies, about 100 men were seen marching out. They wore green epaulets and doghead emblems on their collar patches. Source knew Captain Spirko, who was the ranking officer there prior to January 1951. Four Skoda-Tudor sedans were seen at the quarters.
3. Another PS unit of about 40 men was seen in an inn about 2 km north of the Devinske Jazero railroad station in April 1951.

25X1A * Comment. Possibly a battalion of the 9th Arty Regt in Topolcany, which is carried in Malacky.

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